

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2005-375-W - ORDER NO. 2006-75
JANUARY 27, 2006

IN RE: Application of Utilities Services of South)	ORDER APPROVING
Carolina, Inc. for Approval of an)	INTERCONNECTION
Interconnection with the City of Rock Hill for)	AGREEMENT
Bulk Water Service to Barney Rhett and)	
Hickory Hills Subdivision in York County.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Application of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. (USSC or the Company) for approval of an interconnection of its water systems serving the Barney Rhett and Hickory Hills subdivisions with bulk water facilities of the City of Rock Hill.

The Company acquired the water systems that are the subject of this Order pursuant to the approval of the Commission in Order No. 2002-533. As reflected in that Order, the prior operators of these systems were in financial difficulty and the sale of their systems was necessary in order for the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) to be able to recover delinquent environmental fees due from such prior operators. USSC has entered into a consent order with DHEC to interconnect the water systems serving the Barney Rhett and Hickory Hills subdivisions with bulk water facilities of the City of Rock Hill. As contemplated by said consent order, the Company has obtained documentation from the City of Rock Hill indicating its willingness to provide bulk water service to the affected subdivisions. USSC will provide

service to the affected subdivisions pursuant to all of the terms, conditions, rates and charges set forth in its rate schedule as may be on file with this Commission.

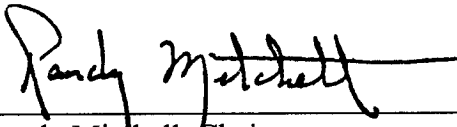
USSC submits that the public convenience and necessity will be served by the approval of this Agreement, and that no hearing in this matter is required, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-5-240(G) (Supp. 2004). Accordingly, USSC requests that the interconnection be approved and that hearing be waived or review of the Application be expedited.

The Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) does not oppose the Application. ORS filed a document which noted, among other things, that it had conducted a site visit and found that construction had been completed for the interconnection of the Hickory Hills Subdivision water system. Further, construction has been initiated for the interconnection of the Barney Rhett Subdivision water system.

In any event, we grant expedited review of the Application and we approve the proposed interconnection Agreement. No opposition to approval was voiced by ORS. Clearly, the interconnection Agreement as proposed is mandated by USSC's consent order with DHEC. The Company may charge rates as are set out in its Commission-approved rate schedules.

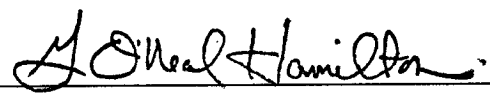
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice-Chairman

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